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## Newspapers

*Supply to "New India" of all papers placed on Editors' Table.*

* 145 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Editor of the "New India" applied to the Chief Secretary for a supply of all papers placed on the Editors' Table, and if so, what reply was sent to him ;

(b) the several newspapers which are now enjoying the privilege of the supply of all or some of the papers placed on the Editors' Table ; and

(c) the daily and weekly papers in the province to which Government departments do not send their advertisements ?

A.—(a) The editor asked to be supplied with copies of Editors' Table papers. He was told that they would be supplied on payment of the charges prescribed.

(b) The following newspapers [a] receive Editors' Table papers free ; to other newspapers supply is made on payment, the principle being that free supply is continued only to such newspapers as enjoyed it on 7th October 1926.

(c) No paper is debarred from receiving Government advertisements.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"In view of the answer given to clause (a) of this question, may I ask the hon. the Home Member whether it would not be a disadvantage to new newspapers if the concession was withdrawn in their cases and allowed to run in other cases ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"That question was considered."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know the reasons which have led to the laying down of that principle namely that the concession should be continued to those papers that were receiving copies of Editors' Table papers free on 7th October 1926 and that it should be withdrawn in the case of other newspapers that were not receiving them free on that date ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"On that date the Government passed orders that the concession should be continued to such of the papers as were enjoying it on that date and that it should not be extended in the case of other newspapers."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know if the Government have changed their policy in the matter ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"It is to be continued."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—"May I know whether the Government have fixed that advertisements should be given only to certain newspapers and not to others ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the reasons why the Government decided to supply Editors' Table papers free to certain newspapers at the time their first decision was taken ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Because only certain newspapers were enjoying that privilege before and Government did not want to stop it."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Do the Government consider now that each newspaper should be given Government advertisements in turn ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I did not ask why the concession given should be withdrawn. But I asked the reasons which led the Government to grant this concession at the time it was given."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered it."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Do not the Government consider that advertisements should be given without making invidious distinctions and only to such newspapers which have a tolerably good circulation ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I think we have some such rule."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" Is it the policy of the Government that such newspapers which are not in favour of Government should not be given advertisements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no such policy."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*), viz., " No paper is debarred from receiving Government advertisements," may I say that this is not an answer to clause (*c*) of the question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I don't follow it."

Mr C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I simply wanted to draw your attention to it, Mr. President."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what papers are now receiving Government advertisements ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Notice."

## Police

*Revision of the pay of constables in South Kanara.*

* 146 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that constables in South Kanara are paid As. 8 less than their comrades in other districts ;

(*b*) if so, why ;